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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office action of September 25, 2006, please note the following for the captioned application:

- (1) **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in an Appendix A.
- (2) **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.